Requirement of Man-Power for Numaligarh Oil Refinery

1030. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated man-power requirement in the proposed Numaligarh Oil Refinery in Assam ;

(b) the break-up of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled personnel required in the refinery ; and

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to gear up highly-skilled personnel to be engaged from the State itself ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The estimated direct manpower requirement in the proposed Numaligarh Oil Refinery in Assam is 750.

(b) The break-up of man-power requirement is as follows :

Officers	195
Office Staff	196
Highly skilled. . . .	24
Semi skilled	150
Unskilled	135
TOTAL :	750

(c) The existing guidelines of Government of India are to be followed in regard to preference to the local candidates in the recruitment of employees.

Oil Refinery at Karnal

1031. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has so far been made with regard to the setting up of Karnal Refinery ; and

(b) by when it is likely to be commissioned ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Public Investment Board (PIB) in its meeting held on 23-4-1992 has cleared the proposal of Indian Oil Corporation for setting up of Karnal Refinery.

(b) Commissioning schedule will be finalised after the project is approved by the Government.

Aluminium Seals on LPG Cylinders

1032. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had taken any decision to provide aluminium seals on all LPG Cylinders of all Companies ;

(b) whether it is a fact that after the decision, the Indane and Bharat gas have started supplying LPG Cylinders with aluminium seals whereas the Hindustan Petroleum have not yet started supplying LPG cylinders with aluminium seals ;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether Government propose to issue instructions to the authorities concerned to implement the decision ;

(e) if so, by when the decision is likely to be implemented ; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While IOC & BPC have adopted aluminium seals, HPC have adopted PVC seal in system.

(d) to (f) Do not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.

Requirement of Crude Oil

1033. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present requirement of crude oil in the country ; and

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(b) what are the details of proposal under Government's consideration to meet the requirement during the coming years ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As per the present estimates, the total processing requirement in the country during the year 1992-93 is approximately 52.230 MMT.

(b) The requirement of crude oil in any year is met through indigenous production and imports.

Expenditure on Oil Exploration

1034. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the expenditure incurred by Government so far on oil exploration in the country ;

(b) what are the areas which have been exploited so far and what are the results achieved ;

(c) the number of oil wells drilled, onshore and offshore which have been closed down without discovering any oil deposits and what is the expenditure incurred on each of these wells ;

(d) what is the existing oil exploration strategy followed by Government ; and

(e) what changes are contemplated by Government in the oil exploration strategy in view of the experience gained ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Till 31-3-91 ONGC had incurred a total expenditure of Rs. 6920.43 crores. OIL had spent a total of Rs. 663.16 crores during the period 1981-82 to 1991-92.

(b) ONGC is producing oil from fields in Cambay basin, Upper Assam, Assam-Arakan Fold Belt, KG Basin, Cauvery onland basin and Bombay offshore basin. OIL is producing crude oil in Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. 424.231 MMT of crude oil had been produced till 1990-91.

(c) As on 31-3-92, 1316 wells. Expenditure on each well varies according to whether it is onshore or offshore, depth of the well, geology encountered etc.

(d) and (e) A strategy of an optimal mix of intensive and extensive exploration in producing and prospective basins/areas of the country is being followed.

मैसर्स कालूराम बाबू लाल, आरा, बिहार के विरुद्ध शिकायतें

1035. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 28 फरवरी, 1991 को जिला मजिस्ट्रेट ने "इंडियन आयल" के एजेंट मैसर्स कालूराम बाबूलाल, आरा, भोजपुर (बिहार) को काले बाजार में तेल बेचते हुए रंगे हाथों पकड़ा और उनके खिलाफ प्रथम सूचना रिपोर्ट संख्या 65/91 दर्ज कराई गई थी;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि पुलिस उप-अधीक्षक आरा, भोजपुर (बिहार) ने अपने पर्यवेक्षण रिपोर्ट में यह सिफारिश की है कि उक्त फर्म के मालिक प्रमोद कुमार खेमानी को गिरफ्तार किया जाए और उसका इंडियन आयल लाइसेंस तुरंत रद्द कर दिया जाए ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार मैसर्स कालूराम बाबूलाल का इंडियन आयल लाइसेंस रद्द करेगी और श्री खेमानी को गिरफ्तार करेगी उन पर मुकदमा चलाएगी ; यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।